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NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS UP 4 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in October 2007. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of October 7-13, 2007 totaled 50,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.60.

There were 1,122,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 7-13, 2007, up 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 806,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 316,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.33 per hour during the October 2007 reference week, up 37 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.62 per hour, up 36 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.42 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.72 per hour, was up 42 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 42.1 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up fractionally from a year ago.

We Salute Our Farming Industry

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HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 2006-2007 ^{1/ 2/}

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	48	50	800	806
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	33	33	595	590
149 Days or Less	15	17	205	216
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	40.5	42.7	41.9	42.1
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	10.12	10.24	9.26	9.62
Livestock	9.04	9.75	9.42	9.98
Field & Livestock	9.75	10.10	9.30	9.72
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	10.63	10.60	9.96	10.33

^{1/} Reference weeks were October 7-13 in 2007 and October 8-14 in 2006. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

^{2/} Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP

The November 2007 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 147 (1991=100) was up 13 points from October's level and up 38 points from November 2006. The mid-November price for corn, soybeans and eggs increased from October. The mid-month price for winter wheat, all hogs, and all milk decreased from the previous month.

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level. The mid-November price for all hogs decreased from the previous year's level.

The Livestock Price Index of 114 was up 5 points from last month's index and 20 points above November 2006. The Crop Price Index of 167 was up 17 points from the index last month and 48 points above last year.

FARMERS HAVE A GOOD THING GROWING!

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES NOVEMBER 2007 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		November 2006	October 2007	November 15 2007	November 2006	October 2007	November 15 2007
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	3.03	3.34	3.65	2.88	3.29	3.49
Soybeans	Bu.	6.13	8.82	10.00	6.08	8.36	9.48
Winter Wheat	Bu.	4.38	8.02	7.10	4.67	7.54	7.50
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	2.05	2.44	2.35
All Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	109.00	133.00	131.00
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	110.00	137.00	135.00
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	106.00	122.00	123.00
Apples ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.361	.361	.345
All Hogs	Cwt.	43.70	42.90	39.50	44.90	42.10	38.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.30	43.80	40.30	45.30	42.80	39.00
Sows	Cwt.	38.80	32.10	30.10	35.40	27.50	26.50
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	84.40	90.60	89.30
Milk Cows ^{3/}	Head	<u>3/</u>	2100.00	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	2020.00	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	14.60	22.20	22.00	13.90	21.40	21.60
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	14.60	22.20	<u>4/</u>	13.90	21.40	21.70
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	10.90	19.70	<u>4/</u>	13.70	19.70	20.20
Eggs ^{5/}	Doz.	.680	.820	1.160	.677	.802	1.180
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.663	.615	.616

^{1/} Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. ^{2/} Mid-month Price. ^{3/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July, and October. ^{4/} Only Whole-month Price published. ^{5/} Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ^{6/} Monthly estimates discontinued. ^{7/} Not Published.

OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 561 million eggs during October 2007, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.3 million, was up 1 percent from last month but slightly below last year. The rate of lay at 2,307 eggs per 100 layers, was up 1 percent from last

year. Indiana hatcheries produced 5.30 million egg-type chicks during October, up 8 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-October 2007 was 53.5 million, up 8 percent from the same period of 2006.

EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., OCTOBER 2006-2007

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	24,322	24,313	100	344,538	341,49	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,286	2,307	101	2,228	2,253	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	556	561	101	7,678	7,695	100
Table Eggs (millions)	544	549	101	6,600	6,565	99
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	12	100	1,078	1,130	105
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	4,901	5,302	108	36,162	35,767	99
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	772,942	795,37	103

^{1/} Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during October 2007 totaled 153.4 million pounds, up 10 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 4,800 cattle killed totaled 5.0 million pounds. Total live weight of the 759,100 hogs killed totaled 199.2 million pounds. The 2,600 sheep slaughtered during October 2007 totaled 280,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during October 2007 totaled 4.61 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in October 2006. Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 8 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds

from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 16 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,200 head, up 3 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was down 59 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.14 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.7 million head, up 11 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from October 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 248,000 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	October		Jan - Oct		October		Jan - Oct	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	3.7	4.8	31.2	33.0	2,858.1	3,099.6	28,243.3	28,782.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,053	1,053	1,044	1,053	1,291	1,300	1,271	1,268
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,877	5,020	32,582	34,745	3,676,944	4,015,128	35,766,152	36,364,838
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	0.3	2/	1.9	2/	63.6	65.2	576.3	638.3
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	129	2/	129	2/	347	288	349	308
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	36	2/	246	2/	21,900	18,559	200,017	195,278
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	681.7	759.1	6,096.6	6,348.2	9,632.0	10,654.4	86,488.9	89,429.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	266	263	263	261	269	270	269	268
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	180,936	199,17	1,604,69	1,657,15	2,589,179	2,870,108	23,195,997	23,943,892
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.3	2.6	21.5	21.6	237.3	248.0	2,247.3	2,226.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	110	109	108	108	131	132	137	136
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	255	280	2,328	2,328	31,139	32,710	307,552	301,977

1/ Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/ Not published to avoid disclosure.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on November 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below November 1, 2006 but 3 percent above November 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.72 million, 12 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 2.67 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 855,000, 600-699 pounds were 745,000, 700-799 pounds were 556,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.88 million, 6 percent above 2006 and 8 percent above 2005. **Other disappearance** totaled 47,000 during October, 42 percent below 2006 and 19 percent below 2005.



INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 280 million pounds during October 2007, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 166,000 head, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from production in these same States in October 2006.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,699 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.35 million head, 13,000 head more than September 2007, and 98,000 head more than October 2006.

Thanks, Dairy Farmers

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, OCTOBER 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
INDIANA	165	166	1,640	1,685	271	280	103
Illinois	103	103	1,555	1,490	160	153	96
Iowa	208	215	1,640	1,630	341	350	103
Kentucky	95	87	1,050	1,090	100	95	95
Michigan	321	341	1,840	1,865	591	636	108
Minnesota	450	463	1,515	1,525	682	706	104
Ohio	274	277	1,440	1,460	395	404	102
Wisconsin	1,244	1,249	1,555	1,615	1,934	2,017	104
23 State Total	8,255	8,353	1,652	1,699	13,637	14,190	104



1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

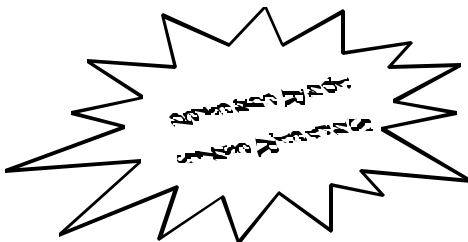
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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